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Dear Counsel:

On Tuesday, the Northern District of Ohio ("NDOH") issued General Order 2020-08-2, *see attached*. This Order contains the following provision:

"Jury trials may commence on September 21, 2020 under the following conditions: 1) The judge, plaintiff, plaintiff's counsel, defendant, and defendant's counsel all must consent on the record to the commencement of the jury trial; 2) only one jury trial at a time, civil or criminal, will be conducted in each courthouse; and 3) the trial will not be any longer than one week."

Order at 3.

Judge Polster asked me to convey to you that this provision does not apply to the Track 1B trial scheduled for this November. All Judges in the NDOH are aware that the Track 1B trial is going forward (and does not need consent from the parties), will be the only jury trial taking place in the Cleveland courthouse during its scheduled period, and will take more than one week. The General Order purposefully did not address exceptional cases.

Thanks,

-David

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